

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Livestock Sanitary Board

Diseases of Animals—Equine Infectious Anemia Eradication Program (LAC 7:XXI.Chapter 117)

In accordance with the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:953(B), R.S. 3:2093, and R.S. 3:2095, the Livestock Sanitary Board finds that this emergency rule setting forth the equine infectious anemia eradication program is required so that the eradication program can continue uninterrupted. The board has been advised of allegations that legal defects exist in the present equine infectious anemia eradication program. The board has been advised that in the event the alleged legal defects are found to exist, the equine infectious anemia eradication program would be interrupted. The board has found that the interruption to the present equine infectious anemia eradication program will occur. The resultant interruption in the equine infectious anemia eradication program would cause imminent peril to public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state in that a major disease eradication program would be compromised. In order to insure that the equine infectious anemia eradication program remains in place and uninterrupted pending final adoption of this rule through the normal promulgation process, the board declares an emergency to exist and adopts by emergency process the attached rule setting forth the equine infectious anemia eradication program. The effective date of this emergency rule is June 28, 1996, and it shall be in effect for 120 days or until the final rule takes effect through the normal promulgation process, whichever occurs first.

This declaration of emergency was adopted at a duly noticed and constituted meeting of the Livestock Sanitary Board on June 28, 1996.

Title 7

AGRICULTURE AND ANIMALS

Part XXI. Diseases of Animals

Chapter 117. Livestock Sanitary Board

Subchapter A. General Provisions

§11701. Definitions

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Approved Livestock Auction Market—a place where livestock are assembled for sale, which is approved by the USDA to receive livestock restricted due to exposure to certain diseases and has a permit to operate issued by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board.

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Direct to Slaughter—the shipment of livestock from the premises of origin directly to a slaughter establishment without diversion to assembly points, such as auctions, public stockyards and feedlots.

Equine Infectious Anemia—an infectious disease of equine caused by a lentivirus characterized by intermittent fever, depression, weakness, edema, anemia and sometimes death. The disease is also known as Swamp Fever and is referred to hereafter and sometimes as EIA.

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Form VS 1-27—a form which must be secured from state or federal personnel before livestock may be moved from the premises. This document will be valid for 15 days from the date of issuance.

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§11709. Livestock Auction Market Requirements

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E. Duties of an Auction Veterinarian and/or State-Federal Personnel

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9. To draw blood samples on all equine for testing for Equine Infectious Anemia unless the equine is presented for sale with a record of an official test for EIA conducted within six months.

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Subchapter C. Equine

§11759. General Requirements Governing the Admission of Equine

All equine imported into the state shall meet the general requirements of LAC 7:XXI. 11705 and the following specific requirements:

All equine moving into Louisiana shall be accompanied by a record of a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) conducted within the past 12 months. Equine consigned direct to slaughter to an approved slaughter establishment for immediate slaughter or to an approved livestock auction market are exempt from the requirement. The official test shall be conducted by an approved laboratory. The name of the laboratory, the case number and the date of the official test shall appear on the health certificate as required in LAC 7:XXI.11761.

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§11761. Admission of Equine to Fairs, Livestock Shows, Breeders Association Sales, Rodeos and Racetracks

All equine consigned to fairgrounds, livestock show grounds, sale grounds, rodeos and racetracks must meet the general requirements of LAC 7:XXI.11707 and the following specific requirements:

1. It is recommended that all owners have their equine vaccinated against equine encephalomyelitis with bivalent (eastern and western type) vaccine within 12 months prior to entry.

2. Representatives of the Livestock Sanitary Board may inspect equine at the shows periodically, and any equine showing evidence of a contagious or infectious disease shall be isolated and/or removed from the show.

3. All equine moving into the state of Louisiana to fairs, livestock shows, breeder's association sales, rodeos, racetracks or any other concentration point, shall be accompanied by a record of a negative official test for EIA, conducted within the past 12 months. The official test shall be conducted at an approved laboratory and the name of the laboratory, the case number, and the date of the official test shall appear on the record.

4. All equine moving within the state to fairs, livestock shows, breeder's association sales, rodeos, racetracks, or to any other concentration point shall be accompanied by a record of a negative official test for EIA conducted within the past 12 months. The official test shall be conducted by an approved laboratory and the name of the laboratory, the case number, and the date of the test shall appear on the record of the test.

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§11763. Movement of Equine in Louisiana by Livestock Dealers

All equine which are sold or offered for sale by livestock dealers, must meet the general requirements of LAC 7:XXI.11709 and the following specific requirements:

All equine sold or offered for sale by permitted Louisiana livestock dealers, must be accompanied by a record of a negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia, conducted at an approved laboratory, within the past six months. The record shall include the name of the laboratory, the case number and the date of the official test.

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§11765. Equine Infectious Anemia and Livestock Auction Market Requirements

A. Identification. Prior to an official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), all equine shall be individually and permanently identified by one of the following means:

1. implanted electronic identification transponder with individual number;

2. individual lip tattoo;

3. individual hot brand or freeze brand.

B. Equine Required to be Tested

1. All equine moving into the state of Louisiana for any purpose other than direct to slaughter for immediate slaughter, shall be accompanied by a record of a negative official test for EIA, conducted within the past 12 months. The official test shall be conducted by an approved laboratory. The name of the laboratory, the case number, and the date of the official test shall appear on the health certificate, as required in LAC 7:XXI.11761.

2. All equine moving within the state to fairs, livestock shows, breeders association sales, rodeos, racetracks, or to any other concentration point, shall be accompanied by a record of a negative official test for EIA, conducted within the past 12 months. The official test shall be conducted by an approved laboratory and the name of the laboratory, the case number, and the date of the test shall appear on the record of the official test.

3. All equine sold or purchased in Louisiana shall have been officially tested negative for EIA within six months of the date of the sale or shall be officially tested negative for EIA at the time of sale or purchase. The official test shall be conducted at an approved laboratory. A record of the official test shall accompany the horse at the time of the sale or purchase and the name of the laboratory, the case number, and the date of the test shall appear on the record of the official test.

4.a. All equine offered for sale at Louisiana livestock auction markets must be accompanied by a record of a negative official test for EIA conducted by an approved laboratory within six months of the date of the sale, except as provided in this Subsection hereof.

Untested equine arriving at an approved livestock auction market shall have a blood sample drawn for official EIA testing. A fee of no more than \$18 shall be collected from the seller and paid to the testing veterinarian by the auction market. The buyer of the equine shall be charged a \$5 identification fee which will be collected by the auction market before the equine leaves the auction market. This fee will be forwarded to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. After the blood sample is obtained and the fee paid, untested horses may move to the purchaser's premises under a quarantine issued by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel until results of the official tests are received. The seller of any equine whose gross proceeds from the sale are less than \$50 will not be required to pay the fee for an official EIA test. If no veterinarian is available for official EIA testing of equine at a Louisiana livestock auction market, the testing shall be done by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel.

b. Authorized buyers for approved slaughter establishments may request that any equine they have purchased at an approved livestock auction market be restricted to slaughter. After the request, such equine shall be branded with the letter "S" on the left shoulder prior to leaving the auction market and shall be issued a VS Form 1-27 permit. The branding and permit issuing shall be done by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel.

5. All equine domiciled within the state of Louisiana shall be maintained with a current negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia. A current negative official test is a written result of a test conducted by an approved laboratory where said official test was performed not more than 12 months earlier. An equine is domiciled within the state when the equine has been pastured, stabled, housed, or kept in any fashion in the state more than 30 consecutive days. Written proof of a current negative official test shall be made available in the form of negative results from an approved laboratory upon request by an authorized representative of the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board.

C. Identification and Quarantining of Equine Positive to the Official EIA Test

1. With the exception of the equine stabled at a racetrack regulated by the Louisiana State Racing Commission, all equine testing positive to the official test for EIA shall be quarantined to the owners premises and shall be destroyed or sold for immediate slaughter within 20 days of the date of the official test for EIA. If destroyed, verification of said destruction by written and signed statement must be furnished to the office of the state veterinarian. If sold for slaughter, the equine shall be accompanied by a VS Form 1-27 permit issued by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel from the owner's premises to an approved livestock auction market or to an approved slaughter establishment. The owner or trainer of all equine stabled at a racetrack regulated by the Louisiana State Racing Commission testing positive to an official EIA test shall be notified immediately by the testing veterinarian, or by racetrack officials, or by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel and the equine testing positive shall be removed from the racetrack premises immediately. Exceptions are:

a. Upon request by the owner, any female equine testing positive to the official test for EIA that is at least 270 days pregnant or has a nursing foal no more than 120 days of age at her side may be quarantined to the owner's premises and kept at least 200 yards away from any other equine. The female equine shall be identified with a "72A" brand at least three inches in height on the left shoulder. The female equine may remain in quarantine until her foal dies or reaches an age of 120 days at which time the female equine shall be destroyed or sold for immediate slaughter within 20 days. If destroyed, verification of said destruction by written and signed statement must be furnished to the office of the state veterinarian. If sold for slaughter, the female equine shall be accompanied by a VS Form 1-27 permit issued by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel from the owner's premises to an approved livestock auction market or to an approved slaughter establishment.

b. Any foal kept in quarantine with its EIA positive dam shall be officially tested for EIA no later than 90 days after it is weaned.

c. Any equine testing positive to the official EIA test prior to February 1, 1994, may be quarantined to the owner's premises and kept at least two hundred yards away from any other equine. This equine shall be identified with a "72A" brand at least 3 inches in height on the left shoulder. If the EIA positive equine is sold, it must be sold for slaughter and a VS Form 1-27 permit must be issued by Livestock Sanitary Board personnel to move the EIA positive equine from the owner's premises to slaughter. If the EIA positive equine is destroyed or dies, verification of said destruction or death by written and signed statement must be furnished to the office of the state veterinarian.

d. Any EIA positive equine found in violation of this quarantine shall be required to be sold for slaughter or destroyed within 20 days.

2. All equine stabled at a racetrack regulated by the Louisiana State Racing Commission, testing positive to the official EIA test and immediately removed from the racetrack, shall be quarantined to the premises to which they are moved and shall be destroyed or sold for immediate slaughter within 20 days of the date of the official test for EIA. If destroyed, verification of said destruction by written and signed

statement must be furnished to the office of the state veterinarian. If sold for slaughter, the equine shall be accompanied by a VS Form 1-27 permit issued by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel from the owner's premises to an approved livestock auction market or to an approved slaughter establishment.

3. With the exception of the equine stabled at a racetrack regulated by the Louisiana State Racing Commission, the following shall be quarantined and officially tested for EIA no sooner than 30 days after the positive equine has been removed:

- a. all equine on the same premises as an equine testing positive to the official EIA test;
- b. all equine on all premises within 200 yards of the premises of the equine testing positive to the official EIA test; and
- c. all equine which have been on these aforementioned premises within the past 30 days at the time the equine which is positive to the official EIA test was tested.

4. All equine stabled at a racetrack regulated by the Louisiana State Racing Commission which are stabled in the same barn or in a directly adjacent barn of an equine which tests positive to the official EIA test shall be quarantined until the positive equine is removed and all other horses in the aforementioned barns are tested negative to the official EIA test.

5. Equine which are required to be officially tested for EIA as a result of being quarantined due to the circumstances described in §11765.C.3-4 may be tested by an accredited veterinarian chosen by the owner or by a state-employed veterinarian if requested by the owner of the quarantined equine. In the event that the official testing for EIA is done by a state-employed veterinarian, the record will not be made available to the owner.

6. Equine positive to the official test for EIA shall be identified with a "72A" brand on the left shoulder at least 3 inches in height, by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel. Equine positive to the official test for EIA will be retested prior to identification by branding upon request by the owner, by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel and the blood sample submitted to the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory for confirmation.

D. Collection and Submission of Blood Samples

1. All blood samples for official EIA testing must be drawn by an accredited veterinarian and submitted to either an approved laboratory or the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory as provided herein. The seller of any equine which sells at an approved livestock auction market in which the gross proceeds from the sale are less than \$50 may request that the blood sample be drawn by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel.

2. Blood samples for official EIA testing shall be accompanied by a VS Form 10-11, Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Test Report, with completed information as to the equine owner's name, address, telephone number, and permanent individual identification of the equine. The VS Form 10-11 shall be considered the official record for all official EIA tests conducted in Louisiana.

3. Only serum samples in sterile tubes shall be accepted for testing.

4. Blood samples drawn for EIA testing at Louisiana livestock auction markets and blood samples drawn for EIA testing by Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board personnel shall be submitted to the Louisiana Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory for testing.

E. Testing of Blood Samples Collected

1. Only laboratories approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services, shall be authorized to conduct the official test for EIA in Louisiana and such laboratories must also receive approval by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board.

2. Approved laboratories shall submit the original (white copy) of each VS Form 10-11 at the end of each week to the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board office.

3. Approved laboratories may charge a fee to the accredited veterinarian for conducting the official test.

F. Requirements for a permit for the operation of an Equine Quarantine Holding Area

1. Any buyer desiring to operate an equine quarantine holding area must file an application for approval of the facility on forms to be provided by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board.

2. The facility to be operated as an equine quarantine holding area, must have an area where equine testing positive to the official EIA test and/or "S" branded horses are kept and where such horses are separated by at least 440 yards from all other horses.

3. The facility must be approved by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board in an inspection of the premises prior to the issuance of the permit.

4. The buyer desiring to operate an equine quarantine holding area, must agree, in writing, to comply with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board.

5. No other equine except equine consigned for slaughter, shall be kept in an equine quarantine holding area.

6. No equine shall be kept in the equine quarantine holding area longer than 60 days.

7. All permits must be renewed annually.

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§11766. Equine Infectious Anemia Testing Laboratory Requirements

A. No person shall operate an Equine Infectious Anemia testing laboratory without first obtaining approval from the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board.

B. Conditions for Approving an Equine Infectious Anemia Testing Laboratory

1. The person must submit an application for approval to the office of the state veterinarian.
2. An inspection of the facility must be made by someone representing the office of the state veterinarian and who shall submit a report to the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board indicating whether or not the person applying for an Equine Infectious Anemia testing laboratory approval has the facilities and equipment which are called for in United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services Memorandum 555.8.
3. The applicant must agree, in writing, to operate the laboratory in conformity with the requirements of the regulation and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services Memorandum 555.8.
4. The applicant must show the board that there is a need for the laboratory.
5. If the application is approved by the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board, the applicant will proceed with training, examination, and United States Department of Agriculture laboratory visitation.
6. Laboratory check test results shall be provided to the state veterinarian for final approval.
7. All Equine Infectious Anemia testing laboratories which have been approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, prior to the adoption of this regulation, shall be automatically approved at the time this regulation goes into effect.

C. Conditions for Maintaining Equine Infectious Anemia Testing Laboratory Approval

1. Laboratories must maintain a work log clearly identifying each individual sample and tests results, which must be available for inspection, for a period of 18 months from the date of the test.
2. Laboratories must maintain on file and make available for inspection, a copy of all submitting forms for a period of 18 months.
3. Laboratories must continually meet all the requirements of United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services Memorandum 555.8.
4. Samples shall be periodically collected and laboratories periodically inspected without prior notification.
5. Laboratories shall report, immediately, by telephone or telephonic facsimile, all positive results to the official test for EIA to the state veterinarian's office.
6. The state veterinarian shall renew the approval in January of each year, as long as laboratories maintain the standards required by this regulation and United States Department of Agriculture, Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services Memorandum 555.8.

D. Cancellation of Equine Infectious Anemia Testing Laboratory Approval. An Equine Infectious Anemia testing laboratory may have its approval canceled if the Louisiana Livestock Sanitary Board finds, at a public hearing, that the laboratory has failed to meet the requirements of this regulation or has falsified its records or reports.

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